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The year 1939, in the South Herts (No.1) Sanitary District was not productive of any outstanding event in the Public Health Service. Routine work proceeded normally and minor problems evoked satisfactory solutions.

As a matter of interest, I set out some tabulated notes on the incidence of infectious diseases, which was comparatively light. It appears to me that this low incidence is very striking when consideration is given to the great influx of population into the District - hundreds of children evacuated from crowded areas - which occurred at the onset of war. Consideration of the causes of this satisfactory result, must be deferred; it will suffice to say at present that it was contrary to the forebodings of many experts and it should tend to promote a certain optimism in the outlook regarding the likelihood of the spread of the commoner infectious diseases, to which children in particular are liable.

	C H I L D R E N			UNDER SCHOOL AGE			A D U L T S			GRAND MONTHLY TOTAL
	District	Evacuee	TOTAL	District	Evacuee	TOTAL	District	Evacuee	TOTAL	
January	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
February	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
April	4	-	4	2	-	2	2	-	2	8
May	5	-	5	-	-	-	1	-	1	6
June	10	-	10	1	-	1	-	-	-	12
July	7	-	7	1	-	1	1	-	1	11
August	8	-	8	1	-	1	3	-	3	10
September	2	-	2	2	-	2	-	-	-	7
October	2	-	2	3	-	3	1	-	1	5
November	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
TOTAL FOR YEAR	43	Nil	43	10	Nil	10	13	Nil	13	66
January	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2
February	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
March	2	-	2	1	-	1	1	-	1	4
April	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
May	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
June	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
July	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1
August	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	3
September	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
December	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
TOTAL FOR YEAR	7	-	7	2	-	2	7	-	7	16

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD RURAL DISTRICT										
CHILDREN										
	District		Evacuee		TOTAL		District		Evacuee	
January	1		-		1		-		-	
February	2		-		2		-		-	
March	1		-		1		-		-	
July	2		-		2		-		-	
September	1		-		3		-		-	
October	9		2		10		2		-	
November	4		1		4		2		-	
December	2		-		2		1		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	22		3		25		5		-	
DIPHTHERIA										
March	-		-		-		-		-	
October	-		1		1		-		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	-		1		1		-		-	
SCARLET FEVER										
January	1		-		1		-		-	
February	1		-		1		-		-	
May	2		-		2		-		-	
July	-		-		-		1		-	
September	1		-		3		-		-	
October	1		2		1		1		-	
November	3		-		3		1		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	9		2		11		3		-	
DIPHTHERIA										
February	-		-		-		1		-	
September	2		-		2		-		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	2		-		2		1		-	
SCARLET FEVER										
February	1		-		1		-		-	
July	1		-		1		-		-	
September	-		1		1		-		-	
October	1		1		1		-		-	
November	1		-		1		-		-	
December	1		-		1		-		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	5		1		6		1		-	
SCARLET FEVER										
January	1		-		1		-		-	
February	1		-		1		-		-	
May	2		-		2		-		-	
July	-		-		-		1		-	
September	1		-		3		-		-	
October	1		2		1		1		-	
November	3		-		3		1		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	9		2		11		3		-	
DIPHTHERIA										
February	-		-		-		1		-	
September	2		-		2		-		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	2		-		2		1		-	
SCARLET FEVER										
January	1		-		1		-		-	
February	1		-		1		-		-	
May	2		-		2		-		-	
July	-		-		-		1		-	
September	1		-		3		-		-	
October	1		2		1		1		-	
November	3		-		3		1		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	9		2		11		3		-	
DIPHTHERIA										
February	-		-		-		1		-	
September	2		-		2		-		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	2		-		2		1		-	
SCARLET FEVER										
January	1		-		1		-		-	
February	1		-		1		-		-	
May	2		-		2		-		-	
July	-		-		-		1		-	
September	1		-		3		-		-	
October	1		2		1		1		-	
November	3		-		3		1		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	9		2		11		3		-	
DIPHTHERIA										
February	-		-		-		1		-	
September	2		-		2		-		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	2		-		2		1		-	
SCARLET FEVER										
January	1		-		1		-		-	
February	1		-		1		-		-	
May	2		-		2		-		-	
July	-		-		-		1		-	
September	1		-		3		-		-	
October	1		2		1		1		-	
November	3		-		3		1		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	9		2		11		3		-	
DIPHTHERIA										
February	-		-		-		1		-	
September	2		-		2		-		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	2		-		2		1		-	
SCARLET FEVER										
January	1		-		1		-		-	
February	1		-		1		-		-	
May	2		-		2		-		-	
July	-		-		-		1		-	
September	1		-		3		-		-	
October	1		2		1		1		-	
November	3		-		3		1		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	9		2		11		3		-	
DIPHTHERIA										
February	-		-		-		1		-	
September	2		-		2		-		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	2		-		2		1		-	
SCARLET FEVER										
January	1		-		1		-		-	
February	1		-		1		-		-	
May	2		-		2		-		-	
July	-		-		-		1		-	
September	1		-		3		-		-	
October	1		2		1		1		-	
November	3		-		3		1		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	9		2		11		3		-	
DIPHTHERIA										
February	-		-		-		1		-	
September	2		-		2		-		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	2		-		2		1		-	
SCARLET FEVER										
January	1		-		1		-		-	
February	1		-		1		-		-	
May	2		-		2		-		-	
July	-		-		-		1		-	
September	1		-		3		-		-	
October	1		2		1		1		-	
November	3		-		3		1		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	9		2		11		3		-	
DIPHTHERIA										
February	-		-		-		1		-	
September	2		-		2		-		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	2		-		2		1		-	
SCARLET FEVER										
January	1		-		1		-		-	
February	1		-		1		-		-	
May	2		-		2		-		-	
July	-		-		-		1		-	
September	1		-		3		-		-	
October	1		2		1		1		-	
November	3		-		3		1		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	9		2		11		3		-	
DIPHTHERIA										
February	-		-		-		1		-	
September	2		-		2		-		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	2		-		2		1		-	
SCARLET FEVER										
January	1		-		1		-		-	
February	1		-		1		-		-	
May	2		-		2		-		-	
July	-		-		-		1		-	
September	1		-		3		-		-	
October	1		2		1		1		-	
November	3		-		3		1		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	9		2		11		3		-	
DIPHTHERIA										
February	-		-		-		1		-	
September	2		-		2		-		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	2		-		2		1		-	
SCARLET FEVER										
January	1		-		1		-		-	
February	1		-		1		-		-	
May	2		-		2		-		-	
July	-		-		-		1		-	
September	1		-		3		-		-	
October	1		2		1		1		-	
November	3		-		3		1		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	9		2		11		3		-	
DIPHTHERIA										
February	-		-		-		1		-	
September	2		-		2		-		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	2		-		2		1		-	
SCARLET FEVER										
January	1		-		1		-		-	
February	1		-		1		-		-	
May	2		-		2		-		-	
July	-		-		-		1		-	
September	1		-		3		-		-	
October	1		2		1		1		-	
November	3		-		3		1		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	9		2		11		3		-	
DIPHTHERIA										
February	-		-		-		1		-	
September	2		-		2		-		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	2		-		2		1		-	
SCARLET FEVER										
January	1		-		1		-		-	
February	1		-		1		-		-	
May	2		-		2		-		-	
July	-		-		-		1		-	
September	1		-		3		-		-	
October	1		2		1		1		-	
November	3		-		3		1		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	9		2		11		3		-	
DIPHTHERIA										
February	-		-		-		1		-	
September	2		-		2		-		-	
TOTAL FOR YEAR	2		-		2		1		-	
SCARLET FEVER										
January	1		-		1		-		-	
February	1		-		1		-		-	
May	2		-		2		-		-	
July	-		-		-		1		-	
September										

	<u>TRING URBAN DISTRICT</u>		<u>CHILDRREN</u>		<u>SCARLET FEVER</u>		<u>ADULTS</u>		<u>GRAND MONTHLY TOTAL</u>
	<u>District</u>	<u>Evacuee</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Evacuee</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Evacuee</u>	
April	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
July	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
October	6	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	7
November	4	-	4	1	-	1	-	-	5
December	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1
TOTAL FOR YEAR	11	1	12	2	-	2	1	-	15

An examination of these figures revealed that out of 138 cases of Scarlet Fever during the year, 69 occurred from September to December inclusive, 8 of which cases occurred among evacuees. Out of 22 cases of Diphtheria during the year, 6 cases occurred between September to December inclusive, including one case among evacuees. It is, of course, in the Autumn that Scarlet Fever tends to be most prevalent and there is a marked prevalence of Diphtheria also at this time of the year.

Apart from cases of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria, as shown above, there was very little infectious disease at all during the whole year.

